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Dominion Real Estate Exchange

22 TROUNCE AVE.

**BUOYANT STATE OF
REALTY CONTINUES**

**WATERFRONT LAND
SOLD AT ESQUIMALT.**

Seventeen Houses in Vigellus Estate
Change Hands—Local Investors
are Clubbing Their Capital.

Buoyancy in the real estate market
still continues most marked. The most
interesting feature of recent reports is
the demand which comes from Eastern
Canada. No agent in the city can put
any period on the present activity, and
it is forming a subject of conversation
throughout the Dominion.

Yesterday a property which is cap-
able of great possibilities was put
through the market. This was the sale
of twenty-seven acres which fronts on
Esquimalt harbor. It was purchased
by a local investor for a sum of \$6,000.
What makes the sale of this piece
of property of exceptional interest is
the fact that the island railway and
also the high road will run through it. Im-
mediately subsequent to the sale some
half dozen would-be purchasers were
seeking after the land. They were
very non-plussed on being told it had
been sold, and the impression seems to
be that it will rise in value very con-
siderably in the near future.

At present this land is mostly unim-
proved. Situated on it are a few cot-
tages, also a stable, and some out-
buildings. The purchaser has great
hopes of its future in view of the fact
that it has a 600-foot frontage on
Esquimalt harbor, while Deadman's
river is on the other side.

This deal was put through by the
Dominion Real Estate Co., and this
firm has latterly been handling quite
a number of small transactions.

Moore & Whittington, contractors,
purchased this morning seventeen
houses of the Vigellus estate for a sum
bordering on \$20,000. Heisterman &
Co., in whose hands a great portion of
this estate is, were responsible for the
deal.

This property is located on Pandora
avenue, and Cook and St. Louis streets.
It is the intention of the purchasers to
pull down some of the houses and also
to renovate others. Altogether a sum
of \$12,000 will be employed in improv-
ing the property, and this, when com-
pleted, will add to the value of the
surrounding land.

The report in Thursday's Times of
the sale of the Russ House has been
verified. William Wilson is the pur-
chaser. The property, which is situat-
ed at the corner of Johnson and Store
streets, changed hands at the figure of
\$20,000.

Small capitalists in the city are club-
bing their means for the purpose of
acquiring lots. Yesterday a party of
them, represented by T. L. Beckwith,
purchased a lot situated at the corner
of Blanchard and View streets. The
price paid was \$7,500.

A new feature is noted with regard
to enquiries after real estate. Whereas
the majority of purchasers have re-
cently been local men, the largest
number of inquiries are now coming
from Eastern Canada. Throughout the
Dominion the belief in Victoria's future
is so great, that real estate agents in
Winnipeg and other large cities are
contemplating opening offices here.

The Dominion Real Estate Exchange
reports a busy week in small sales, in-
cluding some outside acreage, a cottage
on Cormorant street, 8 more of the fine
lots on Cook street, opposite the
Orphanage, and a long succession of
buys in small purchases of lots, in
every case to local people, but while
outside buying for the week has been
non-existent, there has been a renew-
ed volume of inquiry from Eastern
Canada, chiefly from Winnipeg real
estate agents, several of whom write
of opening up branches or connections
for the sale of Victoria real estate.

NEW ASSAYERS.

Seven More Pass the Departmental
Examination.

The examination of candidates for
assayer's papers, which has been in
progress at the government building
this week, was concluded at noon to-
day, and the returns issued.

Twelve candidates, the largest num-
ber ever examined at Victoria, took
part, and out of these seven were suc-
cessful. The names of those who suc-
ceeded are as follows: P. Bernard, Monie
Christo, Wash.; J. J. Fingland, Monie
Berry, B. C.; G. G. West, Vancouver;
S. E. Rejt, Greenwood, B. C.; George
R. Kiddle, Victoria; A. C. McDonald,
Vancouver, and H. J. Marshall, Brit-
tania, B. C.

The examiners were W. F. Robert-
son, provincial mineralogist; H. Car-
michael, provincial assayer, and D. E.
Whittaker, assistant.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Men Granted Their Discharge From the
Fifth Regiment—Damaged Rifles.

The following regimental orders have
just been issued by Lieut.-Col. J. A.
Hall, commanding officer of the Fifth
Regiment:

The following men, having been granted
their discharge, are struck off the
strength of the regiment: No. 15, Sergt.
R. Hayward, No. 32, Sergt. S. J. Patton,
No. 28, Gr. J. E. Cornwell, No. 33, Gr.
Prod. Fellow, No. 4, Gr. Prod. R. Shaver,
No. 70, Gr. M. C. Foote, No. 12, Gr. A. L.
Sturges, No. 33, Gr. W. Carstairs, De-
cember 31st.

In future in the case of burst rifle bar-
rels, serious accidents, the rifles and
parts are to be collected and handed in
to the caretaker, and on no account are
local gunsmiths to deal with damaged
rifles.

By order
(Signed) W. RIDGEWAY-WILSON, Capt.
Adjutant 5th Regt., C.A.
The officer commanding will meet the
secretaries of company associations, ser-
geants' mess, and band, in the drill hall,
on Friday, Dec. 14th, 1906, at 8.30 p. m.

FORWARDED OR RETURNED.

All Goods Shipped to Yukon Points and
Detained Have Received Attention.

Secretary Elworthy, of the board of
trade, is in receipt of the following
communication from E. S. Busby, in-
spector of customs:

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 14th, 1906.

Mr. E. S. Elworthy, Secretary—Board of
Trade, Victoria, B. C.:
Dear Sir:—I have the honor to state for
the information of the merchants and
shippers of the port of Victoria, that all
goods shipped from Victoria during the
past year to points in Northern British
Columbia and Yukon Territory via Skag-
way, which have been detained by the
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"Nootka Marble Quarries, Ltd."

Skagway, for not having complied with
the United States customs regulations,
have either been forwarded to destination
or returned to your port.
The goods returned to your port (which
was owing chiefly to the fact that they
bore no mark for numbers) are, no doubt,
in the hands of the transportation com-
panies awaiting identification by the ship-
pers.

I would respectfully beg to impress up-
on shippers, consigning merchandise, to
the above stated points that each pack-
age of merchandise should be carefully
marked clearly stating to whom consigned
and where, and that they be accom-
panied by the proper papers to insure
their passing through the United States
customs at Skagway.

E. S. BUSBY,
Inspector.

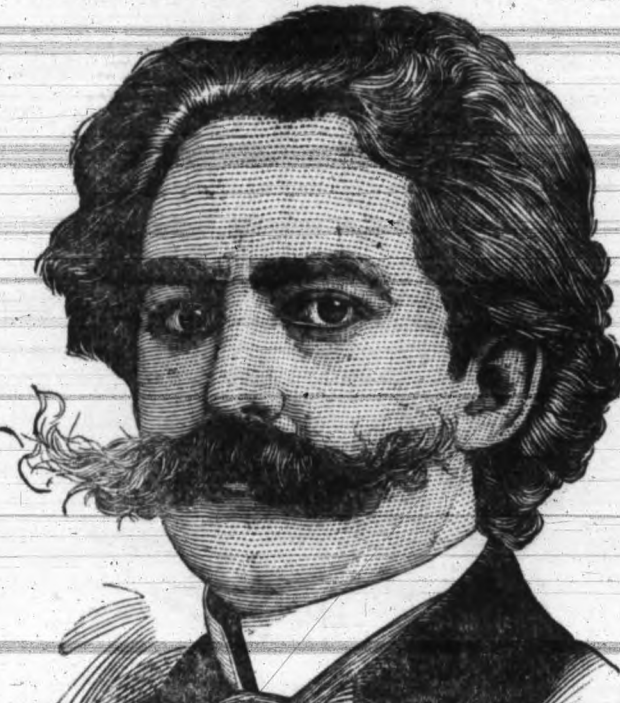
Institute hall was well filled last

night, to hear a lecture by D. E.
Crockett on "Scott and the Scott-land."

In the chair was Rev. Dr. Campbell,
who introduced the lecturer in a few
well-chosen remarks. Dr. Crockett
then proceeded with his subject. Se-
lecting a quintet of great Scotchmen,
Sir William Wallace, Robert Bruce,
Robert Burns, John Knox and Sir
Walter Scott, he compared the first
four with the last mentioned, and drew
parallels between them. The lecture
was illustrated, and at the conclusion
a series of kinetoscope pictures was
shown. Hundreds of children from the
different schools were present.

Mice have 20 teeth; rabbits, 22; sheep
and oxen, 22.

**CUBAN MINISTER TO THE U. S.
Recommends Pe-ru-na.**



Senor Quesada, Cuban Minister to the United States.

Senor Quesada, Cuban Minister to the United States, is an orator born. In
an article in The Outlook for July, 1906, by George Kennan, who heard Quesada
speak at the Esteban Theater, Matanzas, Cuba, he said: "I have seen many au-
diences under the spell of eloquent speech and in the grip of strong emotional
excitement, but I have rarely witnessed such a scene as at the close of Quesada's
eulogy upon the dead patriot, Marti." In a letter to The Peru-na Drug Mfg. Co.,
written from Washington, D. C., Senor Quesada says:

"Peruna I can recommend as a very good medi-
cine. It is an excellent strengthening tonic, and it
is also an efficacious cure for the almost universal
complaint of catarrh."—Gonzalo De Quesada.

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Ill., writes:

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the thousands of others who have been
cured by the use of Peruna."

"I had catarrh of the head and
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full statement of your case and he will
be pleased to give you his valuable ad-
vice gratis.

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Three-Quarter Box, Surtouts
Top Coats and Raincoats;
Sizes 34 to 50. Regular val-
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carrying the Garments over
to next season, we will clear
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from 90c up

Gentlemen's Smoking Sets, in glass and silver,
at \$1.35

Cigar Cases, in best leather, at 65c and \$1.35

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BUILDING DEMOLISHED
BY FALLING TREE

Two Men Had Narrow Escape From
Being Crushed to Death
Near Chemainus.

(Special to the Times.)

Chemainus, Dec. 7.—The heavy gale of last night did considerable damage in and around Chemainus. The logging road between Chemainus and camp 6 was completely tied up on account of trees falling on the track. At camp 5 a large tree fell across the cook house, completely demolishing the building. The large range was destroyed, and dishes, etc., damaged. Fortunately, but two men were in the building at the time, the crew having just gone out. C. McGargle, the foreman, and the second cook were in the dining room, and but for the presence of mind shown by the former there is no doubt he and the cook would have lost their lives. On hearing the crash the foreman sprang under the table, pulling the cook with him. The heavy cross braces of the table prevented the tree from quite reaching the floor. The tree had to be sawn in several places in order to liberate the cook, who was a prisoner under the debris for nearly an hour. He was severely shaken up, but not seriously injured.

Loading Lumber.

The Elissa Lihlu, now receiving a cargo of lumber for Antofagasta, will complete loading about the middle of next week. The lumber company is looking for another vessel during December, but so far has not been able to secure a suitable one for spot loading.

New Machinery.

The Victoria Lumber Co. has just completed the equipment of the new machine shop, two large lathes, a travelling crane, small engine, and other machinery having been added. The company now has a good roomy shop with a thoroughly up-to-date equipment.

SEVEN LIVES LOST.

Fatal Fire at Cornell University—Loss Estimated at Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Seven persons met tragic death this morning in the worst disaster that ever befell Cornell University. Three of the victims were volunteer city firemen and four were students.

The firemen were all prominent in this city. They were S. Robinson, attorney; John Rumsey, hardware merchant; and Esty Landon, a salesman.

The students were G. L. Schuck, of Hanover, Pa.; F. W. Greife, of South Orange, N. J.; W. H. Nichols, of Chicago, and J. M. McCutcheon, of Pittsburgh.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The money loss is nearly \$200,000. The burned building was the Chi Psi Fraternity house and was built by Jennie McGaw Fiske, the benefactor of Cornell.

The fire started at 2:30 o'clock in the kitchen in the basement of the chapter house. The flames had gained considerable headway before the student occupants were awakened.

As soon as the flames burned into the basement hall and stairway, the halls throughout the house became filled with dense smoke. In the opinion of the department, the fire was caused by a gas leak.

It was not possible for them to escape by way of the halls, and all went to the windows. As the fire approached the rear of the building the students were forced to jump, and several were seriously injured in this way. No alarm was turned in until half an hour after the fire had been discovered, and it was half an hour later before the volunteer fire department could get to work. It was a long climb from the lower part of the city to the college grounds, and by the time the firemen arrived the interior of the building was almost burned out. They could do nothing but prevent adjoining buildings from taking fire.

Rumsey, Landon and Robertson, the Ithaca volunteer firemen, had managed to trap a hose on the north side of the house when the wall tattered. There was a cry of alarm and several men standing near managed to get out of the way, but the three named were caught under the mass of debris and killed.

WIRE TROUBLES.

The gale of yesterday played havoc with both telegraph systems operating out of Victoria, and up to the time of going to press communication with the Mainland had not been restored. This explains the absence of telegraphic news in the issues of yesterday and today.

MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—J. Peter had his back broken and G. E. Weston and W. J. Sprague were injured in an accident which occurred this morning at the beach of a storm which raged between 2 and 3 o'clock. The men were sleeping in a cabin four miles out of town.

A tree fell on them demolishing the cabin and pinning to the floor Peter and Weston. Peter was just getting out of bed to open the door when the tree struck. He was pinned down over a trunk, and from that time till the hour he died late this afternoon, suffered excruciating agony. Though badly hurt Sprague was not caught by the tree. In the darkness he heroically worked to free his wounded comrades. Securing a cross cut saw he worked for two hours sawing the tree top off and then rolled it off their bodies. Then he walked a mile and secured help. He and his comrades were brought to the general hospital aboard a special car.

POPE'S PHYSICIAN DEAD.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Dr. Lippini, physician to the Pope, died at 11 o'clock. He had been ill for some time of cancer of the stomach, and pneumonia setting in, he could not, in his weakened condition, withstand his ravages.

When Dr. Lippini was sinking the Pope sent him the apostolic benediction, and when the news of the death of the doctor reached the Vatican he was deeply grieved.

It is reported that before losing consciousness Dr. Lippini, referring to the Pope, said: "He has a strong constitution, and having studied him carefully, I think he will live longer than Leo XIII."

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FROM the most renowned makers, in every shade, size and finish, packed ready for mailing if required.	SUCH pretty bags in new and beautiful shapes and shades; the interiors are as well finished as the exteriors.	SPECIAL importance for our Xmas show; splendid goods at specially low prices.	WILL keep you warm and comfortable; why not have one this Christmas? Suggest it.
Neckwear	Fans	Costumes	Evening Dresses
IN ALL the latest London and Paris fashions. Beautiful Chiffon Scarves, Neck Muffs and Ruffles of every description and at all prices.	SEE the goods then examine the prices, and you will be one.	NEW Hand-Tailored Costumes from London and Paris; recent arrivals for our early spring orders.	EXCLUSIVE GARMENTS, bearing the hall mark of the finest London, Vienna and Parisian designers; in spite of the value given, our prices are no higher.
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THOUSANDS of handkerchiefs, specially imported for the Xmas season, direct from Old England and Belfast. See our windows.	BIBES, Bonnets, Aprons and Bear-skin Coats; things that add joy to the little one's life and comfort.	FINEST effects in Tweeds and Ladies' Cloths—a great wealth of selection.	HEPTONETTE Raincoats in all the most fashionable new shades, at specially low prices for Xmas gifts.
Ladies' Belts	Children's Dresses	Silk Skirts	Opera Cloaks
IN SILK and Leather, smart new creations, correct in detail and correct in prices.	IN Embroidered Muslin such pretty frocks, costing very little money.	THESE silk underskirts are the most beautiful ever brought into Victoria; every lady should have one for Xmas tide.	BEAUTIFUL productions from Paris. Husbands should take this hint and this chance.

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MIOWERA DELAYED.

Australian Liner Will Carry About One Hundred Passengers and Full Cargo.

With wires down between Victoria and Vancouver, it was impossible to learn this morning about the time of departure of R. M. S. Miowera, which was scheduled to sail for Australia yesterday. The steamer, it is believed, has been delayed by the delayed overnight trains, but up to noon the local agency had not heard a word as to what time she might be expected here. The steamer will take about 100 passengers and a full cargo of miscellaneous freight. Included in the cargo is a shipment of 80 tons of agricultural implements and machinery and shipments of canned salmon and cotton.

The following have booked passage on the steamer: E. Parnell, A. Asha, Smith, Wm. Calder, Mrs. H. Brown, Miss O'Sullivan, Prof. Marshall, A. Held, Miss J. Darling, Miss A. Seal, E. C. Dwyer and wife, Judge Scott, Wm. Stephen, Mr. Branton, W. Lead, Mr. Milne, R. G. Eakin, A. Hazen, W. E. Emory and wife, Mr. McLennan, J. Pugham, T. A. Stev-

ens, A. Kidman, Wm. Olson and wife, Mr. Doyle and family, Mr. Hetherington and party, A. Brook, D. Donald, D. McLeod, D. P. Macdonald, Mr. Nelson, A. Gattrell, Messrs. G. the Barn Band, E. Huthorn, Miss, Mollie Maston, R. Tar-

ron, W. Boyden, Mr. Edwards, Arthur Seard, J. Sutherland, A. Stuart, A. C. Broad and wife, J. M. Kierman, J. Stacey, S. Fowle, A. G. Hawkins, Thos. Jones, Mr. Davis, E. Anderson.

FRIDAY'S STORM.

Damage on Mainland Will Amount to Thousands of Dollars.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Damage to the extent of thousands of dollars was done by a storm which raged all over the Inland parts of British Columbia early today. The wind blew with the force of a hurricane in Vancouver, and until late this afternoon not a wire was working in any direction out of Vancouver. East of Yale, many C. P. R. telegraph wires were carried down for miles at a stretch by a sleet storm.

STEELE KIFE IN THE FLESH.

That's the sensation experienced by Robert Price of Hector, Ont. He knew it was scintilla and of course said "Nervine." As usual it cured and he says: "No liniment can excel Polson's Nervine. Severe pains made my side lame. It was like a steel knife running through the flesh. I rubbed in lots of Nervine and was completely cured." A regular snap for Nervine sinks into the core of the pain, cures it in short order. Large 25c. bottles at all dealers.

THE FRISCO FIRE.

Committee Estimates Loss at \$25,000,000—Three Thousand Acres Swept by Flames.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The report of the special committee of the board of trustees of the chamber of commerce on insurance settlements after the big fire following the earthquake in April, which has just been published, says:

"The total area burned was about 3,000 acres or about 47 square miles, containing 20 blocks and about 25,000 buildings, one-half of which were residences.

"The amount of insurance covering property in the burned district was approximately \$25,000,000 (estimated). All of this had been written by companies authorized to do business in the state, except \$2,000,000, which had been placed outside of the state in some 20 companies.

"The value of buildings and contents destroyed must have been about \$50,000,000, being an estimate on the insurance basis. The known water losses were \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 (about 10 per cent.) and a guess

that there was about 5 per cent. of property that carried no insurance.

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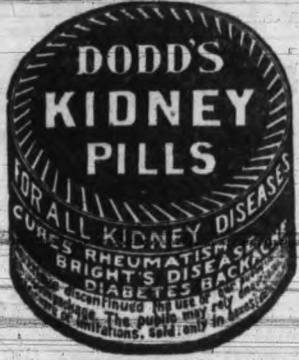
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SPORTING NEWS.

HOCKEY.

LADIES MEET NANAIMO.

Lovers of hockey are assembling in force at Oak Bay this afternoon to see the match between the Victoria and Nanaimo ladies. Last year Nanaimo won, but now the Victoria club with new players is very hopeful of to-day's result. L. Yorke is officiating as referee.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SCHOOL SERIES.

Two Rugby matches are slated for to-day, both at Oak Bay. The school series of games commences with a match between the High school and sub-high school class. J. C. Barnacle is acting as referee.

THE STANFORD GAME.

Alexis Martin of Victoria, has been asked to referee the game between Stanford University and Vancouver. Mr. Martin is a thoroughly efficient referee and in no way connected with either team. His decision is expected to-night. As the championship is at stake the referee in this match will have an important and responsible position.

WRESTLING.

CONTESTS AT VANCOUVER.

Joe Holman of Spokane, who has been a claimant for championship class honors during the past year, has failed to show two wrestlers at Vancouver. His opponents were Sinclair Swanson of Nanaimo and Matsuda, the Jap wrestler of the Terminal City.

The challenger claimed that he could throw both men within an hour. Although he is a heavyweight and both his opponents were small and light men, he only succeeded in obtaining one fall when he downed Matsuda in 10 minutes 45 seconds. In Vancouver wrestling cracks it is considered doubtful whether the Spokane man could accomplish the task of winning a bout from either of his opponents.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

MATCHES TO-DAY.

Several interesting matches under Association rules are in progress this afternoon. At Oak Bay the Wanderers are playing the Fifth Regiment. The unlucky Fifth will strive hard to break its losing sequence. If on the other hand the Wanderers win their position in the league table will be a strong one. E. M. Whyte is acting as referee.

The Wanderers are trying several changes in the team that was beaten last Saturday by the Rovers. The team is playing Victoria West at Work Point.

A Y. M. C. A. team is playing H. M. S. Egria at Beacon Hill. The team from the Egria is as yet unbeaten and the Y. M. C. A. players will strive hard to lower its colors.

In the intermediate series of games Victoria West meet the Y. M. C. A. at Beacon Hill. This is an extra game, and will decide the championship of the series.

THE RING.

TO-NIGHT'S TOURNAMENT.

To-night the event that sporting Victoria has been looking forward to for the past few weeks will take place. It is the much discussed match between Slavin and Burley in the boxing tournament at the Old Grand.

Enthusiasm is rife and opinion as to the possible outcome would seem to be pretty equally divided. All are unanimous in declaring that the bout will be productive of a very scientific exhibition. The contest will be a ten-round one and will be decided by points.

In each of the amateur events only three rounds will be fought. Some expert pugilism is promised in these events, as the contestants have been indulging in steady practice.

The officials for this evening are: Referee, Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolsey; umpires, W. Fisher and J. Norris; timekeeper, G. A. Morphy.

The first contest will take place at 8.30 p.m., and the event of the evening between Slavin and Burley is listed for 9.30.

COULD THEY FACE A MOUSE?

Inspector Scantlebury, the head of the police at the House of Commons, London, has received the following post card from Dublin: "Give each of your men a little cage with a live mouse in it, and it will not take five minutes to run all the Suffragettes out of the House of Commons."

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Dunvegan is one of the oldest posts in the north. It was famous in the old York factory days and even up to within a few years, it was the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company for the Peace River country. The big warehouse and store are still standing, with the office between and behind, as the trim Sottage of the factor surrounded by maple trees and sunflowers. At present Dunvegan is the loneliest post in the north. The total inhabitants are two white men and a half breed, and an occasional camp of Beaver Indians. But Dunvegan may have a greater future than ever before. It. Duncan MacDonald believes so, (he is the second white man) and he is prepared to wait years for it if need be. As I mentioned in a previous article, Dunvegan is the natural place and practically the only place for a railway to cross the Peace. Since writing that I notice that a charter for a railway from Edmonton to Dunvegan and northward is to be applied for at the next session of the Alberta Legislature. So Duncan MacDonald may be right after all.

At Dunvegan the trail crosses the Peace river again and continues due south for fifteen miles to Spirit river where there are about fifteen white settlers. This is a ranching country. Small crops are raised but there are no implements in the country but ploughs and harrows and a curious little threshing machine which was brought from France by the priests somewhere in the dim past and is known locally as the "man-killer." There is a beautiful little prairie comprising perhaps a hundred square miles at Spirit river. The soil is excellent and will grow practically anything. The trouble is that it costs seven dollars a hundred to bring in freight from Edmonton. The leading white settler at Spirit river is Charles Bremner, who has been in the country for twenty-two years. He owns a hundred and fifty head of cattle. Beef? I may say, sells at twelve, and a half cents the pound by the carcass. The cents are good customers. If one buys a steer, they must all have one, though they may have a mouse on hand at the same time. The half breeds around Spirit river are very prosperous. They have had two first class seasons and the trappers have averaged a thousand dollars each in a winter. In consequence, there is a ready sale for fashy jewelry, perfume, hand silk handkerchiefs and other luxuries and there is a continual round of dances and big spreads during the winter.

The whole of this part of the country is made up of alternating patches of bush and prairie country. To the east of Spirit river is Grizzly Bear prairie, to the south is Grande prairie which contains nearly 1,000 square miles, and to the west are the Pouce Coupe, Red Willow and Beaver Lodge prairies. This is the country of the chinook wind and mild open winters.

It had been my intention to see Grande prairie, but on the way up I heard so much of the romantic reputation of Pouce Coupe (Pouce Coupay) that I determined to see it at all costs. The season was growing late and there was not time to do both, so I was compelled to depend upon hearsay for my information about Grande prairie.

This big stretch of country lies about fifty miles south of Spirit river. It is roughly speaking about sixty miles square. Opinions differ widely as to the value of the land. The truth of the matter is that much poor land and much good land as well may be found in this big tract. Out in the middle of the prairie it has been repeatedly burned over and the land is full of great cracks. The soil is principally gumbo. Around the edges of the prairie though, is to be found some of the finest land in the country, especially in the vicinity of Kleshan lake to the east, which is spoken of with the greatest enthusiasm by all who have seen it. There are half a dozen or more white settlers at Grande prairie, each of whom has a small bunch of cattle. Nothing is grown there except a few oats and potatoes, on account of the lack of implements.

Pouce Coupe prairie enjoys a great reputation among the half breeds and Indians. They say snow never lies on the ground there, which is a very exaggerated, but the fact remains that the warm winds blow through the Pine pass all winter and this little part of the country enjoys exceptionally mild winters. Moreover it is a great berry country. The Indians can depend on getting a profusion of fruit there when the crop has been ruined by late frosts elsewhere. The natives winter their ponies on Pouce Coupe prairie and finally it is known as a very paradise of game, large and small. The latter count I can substantiate for I saw it.

Great difficulties faced us in reaching Pouce Coupe prairie from Spirit river. The intervening seventy miles is covered with big timber, through which a fire had swept earlier in the summer effectually blocking the trail. At the best it is only a fairly marked pony trail exceedingly difficult for a tenderfoot to follow. The two men I had come up from the crossing with, wanted to see Pouce Coupe, too, so we joined forces and engaged a guide who rejoiced in the name of Michel Testoviz. He was a Jew.

We made camp at Spirit river about 8 o'clock, and the next day started on our long journey home.—W. H. Footner in Calgary Albertin.

NEW FRENCH BISHOPS.

Rome, Dec. 7.—At the consistory which was held yesterday in place of the one previously planned, the Pope recognized eighty-four bishops, including the Most Rev. James Benoit, archbishop of New Orleans; Mr. John B. Morris as coadjutor bishop of Little Rock, Ark., and Mr. Giuseppe Averara, papal delegate in Cuba, as archbishop of Sardinia.

The most significant appointments were those of ten new French bishops, which were made without any opposition on the part of the French government. In his allocution the Pope said that every day the increasingly sad and storm of vicissitude is beating down on the church involving great misery.

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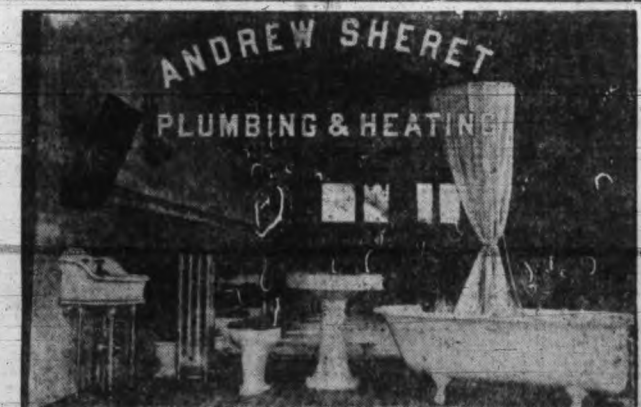
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OVER THE
TEA TABLE

Mrs. Watson, of Ladysmith, is a guest at Government House.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cotton (nee Finlayson), of Santa Cruz, who have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Finlayson on the Dallas road, have taken the furnished house on Pemberton road of Mr. D. M. Rogers.

Miss Alice Bell is staying with Miss Alice Bryden at Esquimalt.

Mr. J. A. Mara and Miss Mara expect to leave on the next Empress for Japan.

Miss Dorothy Spencer, who has been staying here with Miss Keppel, left a couple of days ago for Europe, where she will remain some time studying music.

Mrs. Dunsmuir entertained a number of ladies at luncheon yesterday at Government House.

Colonel and Mrs. A. W. Jones, who have been living with Mrs. Loewen at "Rockwood," have purchased Mrs. Stirling's house on Belcher street and expect to move into it in the near future.

Mr. F. Macrae and Mr. J. W. Camble, both of the Bank of Montreal staff, have been transferred, the former to New Westminster and the latter to Greenwood. Both are good tennis players and will be greatly missed on the courts here. It is understood that their places will be filled by Mr. Bruce Thompson and Mr. Macdougall, of Vancouver.

On Wednesday evening the officers of the Egeria entertained a few of their friends at a dance at Esquimalt.

Captain and Mrs. Cleaver Sullivan, of Quebec, are visitors to the city who are greatly charmed with its many attractions.

Mr. George N. Cragg, a well known mining man from the Yukon, was in town for several days of this week. On Thursday night he left by the Charnier en route to the old country. While here he made his home at the Balmoral.

A pretty wedding solemnized this week by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, assisted by Rev. E. G. Miller, was that of Miss Dorothy Florence St. Bernards Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William St. Bernards Bryan, of Southsea, England, and Mr. Stephen Ernest Vincent Gregory, son of Rev. F. M. and Mrs. Gregory of Southampton, England. The ceremony was performed in St. Barnabas church in the presence of only a few friends of the contracting parties. The bride, who came from England to marry Mr. Gregory, was accompanied and given away by Mr. Perrin, the groom's father. Rev. Mr. Gregory, being an old friend of Bishop Perrin, the bride looked handsome in a charming gown of white silk voile, with veil of tulle and orange blossoms and shower bouquet of fine white carnations and ferns. Major Hibben supported the groom. Immediately after the service Rev. Mr. Miller celebrated the holy eucharist. The services were also choral throughout. After the ceremony Mrs. Perrin entertained the bridal pair and a few friends at luncheon, after which they left for their home at Highland, near this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kiddle have recently taken up their residence at the Balmoral hotel.

The many friends of Mrs. Robert Chambers, of Alert Bay, will be delighted to know that she is so far recovered from her serious illness as to leave the St. Joseph's hospital and will soon be about again. On Thursday she went to Vancouver, where she will remain until about the middle of the present month, with friends, after which in company with her daughters, Miss Lena and Miss Gertrude Chambers, she will travel north by the Amur to her home.

The Misses Butchart and Mrs. Cleland left on Saturday last for an extended stay abroad. They intend to visit many places of interest in different lands before returning.

Mr. R. E. Bell, son of the well known banker at Greenwood, is in the city and is amongst the guests at the Balmoral hotel.

Mrs. Cross of Vancouver, spent some

days of this week in the city. She made her headquarters at the Dominion hotel while here.

Capt. and Mrs. Clive Phillips-Wolley, of Pier Island, were here this week. Mrs. Wolley returned home on Thursday, but the captain is making a longer stay. They always make the Balmoral their home while in the city.

The ladies of the Church of Our Lord, who are noted for giving very successful entertainments, exceeded all former efforts yesterday afternoon and evening when they held a bazaar and tea in what is known as the old Well-side premises over the C. P. R. office. The hall was transformed with bunting, garlands of ivy, ferns and flowers. The whole function was in charge of Mrs. A. E. Jacobs, who also managed the fancy stall, which was a beautiful booth trimmed in red, white and green. She was assisted by Miss Heincken, and together they disposed of a large collection of fancy articles. The art stall, which was presided over by Mrs. Denis Harris, assisted by her two daughters, and Miss McFavish, too, was much admired. Here a rare collection of art in many forms was to be found. There were pictures executed in water colors by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Beauland and some others, that would do credit to any art exhibit, and as the sale is open again this afternoon, another opportunity is presented for any who desire to secure a work of art. Mrs. George and Mrs. Gladstone presided over a pretty booth, where they found ready sale for plain goods, and Mrs. Newberry and Miss Winnie Wilson, in a very artistic booth trimmed in green and white, disposed of charming dolls of every size and complexion. Miss Olivia Fawcett was in charge of the flower stall, which was the most beautiful one of all, as here native flowers as only Victoria can produce were on sale. The booth where home cooking found ready purchasers was in charge of Mrs. Cowper, assisted by Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Moffatt. A beautifully trimmed Christmas tree, which was laden with handsome articles, was in charge of Miss Dorothy Day, Miss Dorothy Bazzett and Miss Gladstone. The afternoon tea tables were in charge of Mrs. Huckle, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Wilson, assisted by a bevy of young ladies. A choice programme of music and literature was given in the evening, and much appreciated by the large audience present.

Mr. A. W. Harvey, who has been on a surveying expedition in the North for some time, returned here recently and is making his headquarters at the Balmoral hotel.

Mr. Litner, of Duncan, visited the Capital during this week.

The Assembly Club intend holding another dance at the Victoria hall, Blanchard street, on Tuesday next. All the former members of the club will be welcome on this occasion, and are expected to be present.

Mrs. Butchart, of Tod Inlet, spent a few days in town during this week.

The Fort Street roller skating rink was the scene of a masked carnival on Wednesday. About one hundred and fifty skaters in the quaintest of costumes were present. The hall had been beautifully draped with bunting, and the usual rink orchestra, headed by Professor Locke, augmented by several other instrumentalists was present, and discoursed delightful music throughout the evening. The supper room, too, proved a very popular addition. A

pleasing feature which was much admired was the grand march executed on skates. Prizes were awarded for the best skaters in costume. Miss Mildred Sargison won the first prize for ladies. She wore a fancy Spanish costume, and proved herself very agile on the skates. The gentleman's first prize was awarded to Mr. Jack Woods, who wore a blue cavalier hussar suit, while Mr. H. Stenland received a prize for the best sustained comical character. He represented a minstrel room, and acted his part to perfection. The prizes were to each a pair of Richardson's aluminum ball bearing skates. The spectators decided by ballot who should secure the prizes. A few of those belonging to the invitation skating club where amongst the spectators until the masks were removed at 10 p. m., when they, too, took part in the delightful pastime until the bell rang at midnight. Some of those were Mrs. Mathewson Johnson and Miss Johnson, Mrs. Hickey, Miss Gertrude Hickey, Mrs. C. E. Todd, Miss Wigley, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. James Raymur, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Moresby, Miss Moresby, Miss Phyllis Mason, Miss Vera Mason, Miss Todd, Mr. Mason, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. J. Gaudin, Mr. Colby, Mr. Raymur, Messrs. Rochfort, and Wilby.

Mrs. and Miss Beckingham, of Seattle, who were here to attend Miss Schell's wedding, returned home last week.

Mrs. Harry Holmes, of Duncan, spent the greater part of this week in the city. She was the guest of her sister, Mr. Baxter, of Oak Bay.

Mr. Camble, of Vancouver, was in the city for several days of this week.

It was erroneously stated last week that there would be no guest day at the Alexandra club during December. The ladies expect to hold a guest day as usual, but on the Friday after Christmas instead of on the third Tuesday of the month, which was their regular day.

Mr. C. H. Dickie, of Duncan, was here amongst his many friends for several days of this week.

Miss Locke, of Vancouver, who came to attend the wedding of her friend, Miss Dolly Schell, returned to her home in the Terminal City a few days ago. She was the guest of Miss Emma Schell while here.

Mr. N. P. Morrison, of Ladysmith, was in the city part of the past week. He made his headquarters at the Balmoral hotel while here.

Mr. Phil Holmes, of Duncan, was in town part of this week.

Captain and Mrs. A. A. Sears, the former of the steamer Iniquity, spent several days of this week in the city. While here they were guests at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Roestlin, of Vancouver, has been in the city during the greater part of this week. She made the Roccabella her home while here.

Mr. Weir, who owns a large ranch at Calgary, is now in the city visiting his aunt, Mrs. (Rev.) D. McRae at her home, Victoria West.

pleasing feature which was much admired was the grand march executed on skates. Prizes were awarded for the best skaters in costume. Miss Mildred Sargison won the first prize for ladies. She wore a fancy Spanish costume, and proved herself very agile on the skates. The gentleman's first prize was awarded to Mr. Jack Woods, who wore a blue cavalier hussar suit, while Mr. H. Stenland received a prize for the best sustained comical character. He represented a minstrel room, and acted his part to perfection. The prizes were to each a pair of Richardson's aluminum ball bearing skates. The spectators decided by ballot who should secure the prizes. A few of those belonging to the invitation skating club where amongst the spectators until the masks were removed at 10 p. m., when they, too, took part in the delightful pastime until the bell rang at midnight. Some of those were Mrs. Mathewson Johnson and Miss Johnson, Mrs. Hickey, Miss Gertrude Hickey, Mrs. C. E. Todd, Miss Wigley, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. James Raymur, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Moresby, Miss Moresby, Miss Phyllis Mason, Miss Vera Mason, Miss Todd, Mr. Mason, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. J. Gaudin, Mr. Colby, Mr. Raymur, Messrs. Rochfort, and Wilby.

Mrs. and Miss Beckingham, of Seattle, who were here to attend Miss Schell's wedding, returned home last week.

Mrs. Harry Holmes, of Duncan, spent the greater part of this week in the city. She was the guest of her sister, Mr. Baxter, of Oak Bay.

Mr. Camble, of Vancouver, was in the city for several days of this week.

It was erroneously stated last week that there would be no guest day at the Alexandra club during December. The ladies expect to hold a guest day as usual, but on the Friday after Christmas instead of on the third Tuesday of the month, which was their regular day.

Mr. C. H. Dickie, of Duncan, was here amongst his many friends for several days of this week.

Miss Locke, of Vancouver, who came to attend the wedding of her friend, Miss Dolly Schell, returned to her home in the Terminal City a few days ago. She was the guest of Miss Emma Schell while here.

Mr. N. P. Morrison, of Ladysmith, was in the city part of the past week. He made his headquarters at the Balmoral hotel while here.

Mr. Phil Holmes, of Duncan, was in town part of this week.

Captain and Mrs. A. A. Sears, the former of the steamer Iniquity, spent several days of this week in the city. While here they were guests at the Dominion hotel.

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THAW'S TRIAL

New York, Dec. 6.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw, for the murder of Stanford White, the architect, will not begin until March or April of next year unless District Attorney Jerome consents to rearrange his court calendar. This was the announcement made to-day at the district attorney's office.

After notice was served on Mr. Jerome by Thaw's counsel that a motion would be made for the appointment of a commission to take the testimony of witnesses outside the state, Mr. Jerome, in anticipation that the motion would be granted, set about to arrange his court calendar, and has the lists all made out for the first two and part of the third months of next year. Yesterday Mr. Jerome received notice from Clifford W. Hartbridge, Thaw's counsel, that he would withdraw the motion for the appointment of a commission, which was argued on Monday last, the very morning it was said, to secure an early trial for his client. But now that the calendar has been prepared, it is not likely that his hope will be realized.

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TRIP THROUGH LABRADOR.

Mrs. Leonidas Hubbard Tells of Her Experiences.

A trip through Labrador was graphically described before a Canadian club audience in St. George's hall, Toronto, recently by Mrs. Leonidas Hubbard, the first white woman who ever made the perilous journey from coast to coast. Mrs. Hubbard is a charming speaker and has remarkable powers of description, which served her well in the subject of her lecture. She must also have expert knowledge of photography, for the pictures of the rough country which she showed on canvas ranked among the most beautiful illustrations ever shown in the city. The lecture took the audience over a 600-mile expedition, mainly along the George river to a post on Ungava bay, reached by Mrs. Hubbard on August 27th, 1905. She remained there five weeks, returning to Williamstown, Mass. She is Canadian by birth, and recently has been visiting her parents at Bewdley, in Northumberland county, where she was born. Mrs. Hubbard's husband was lost in 1903 while on a mission securing information about the Mischeuca Indians of Labrador. An ambition to continue her husband's work inspired the widow to start on an enterprise that would do much for a veteran explorer.

"It seemed fit," she said in opening her address, "that my husband's name should be attached to the work that cost him so much."

Mrs. Hubbard took four guides with her, one of them George Elson, who had served with her husband and was chief of the staff. She sailed from Halifax in the spring of last year, and reached North West river post towards the end of June. With her guides she made the journey from Lake Melville on the east coast across the country to Ungava bay on the north coast, 500 miles over a route that had never been traversed save perhaps by some adventurous Indian, and it is doubtful if they ever made the trip. Mrs. Hubbard left North West river post on June 24th, making the five hundred miles in two months. She took 750 pounds of provisions, which, of course, was not sufficient for the two months. Blunt fish and other game were plentiful at there was no lack of fresh meat during the trip. Mrs. Hubbard and her guides followed the Mischeuca river to the height of land and then travelled by way of George river until they came to Ungava bay.

FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

Four Soldiers Killed and Eight Wounded—Thirty Captured.

Manila, Dec. 6.—A column of constabulary troops encountered a band of Pulajanes between La Paz and Terragona, on the island of Leyte, December 5th. In the battle that followed four soldiers were killed and eight were wounded.

Among the wounded was Lieut. Ralph P. Yates, Jr. His wounds are not serious. Thirty Pulajanes were killed and many wounded and captured. No details of the fight have been received.

"Recruiting for the army," said a well known British colonel, is very good at present, and has been for some time. I do not know why this should be the case unless there are dismal prospects of a hard winter, and consequent want of employment.

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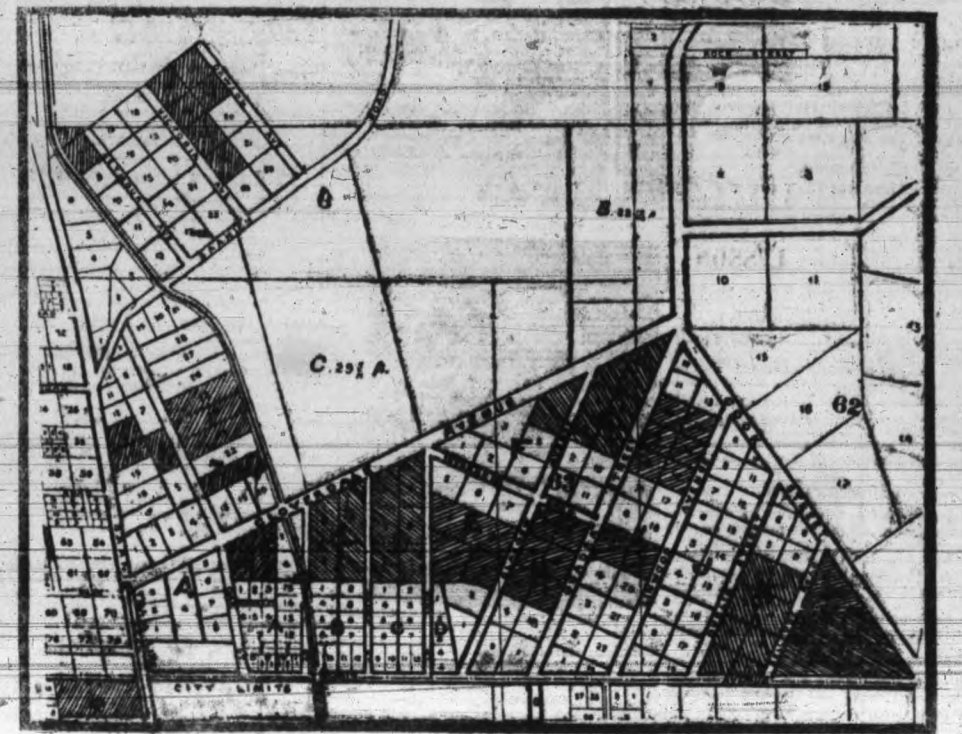
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The Persian Roseleaf

The Times has purchased from the author,

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The serial rights to publish his latest novel, which has just been issued in England, and which critics regard as the best yet from Col. Haggard's fertile and versatile pen.

The Persian Roseleaf is a romantic story and some of its most thrilling chapters tell of fierce fighting in the Sudan—a region where the writer won distinction giving and taking hard blows.

We promise our readers, that "The Persian Roseleaf" will prove one of the most thrilling serials we have ever published, apart from the interest which will be created in the story because of its author who is at present residing at Cowichan Lake and sending to the journals of the Old Land live stories of the streams and forests of Vancouver Island.

The Literary World says: "A PERSIAN ROSE-LEAF." By Lieut.-Colonel Andrew Haggard, D.S.O. (Long, 6s.) Colonel Haggard dedicates his book to his surviving brother officers, who served with him under Evelyn Wood, in 1883, in the Sudan. The story deals chiefly with the adventures of a certain Lord Rothiemay, who is captured and held prisoner for several years by the Mahdi's troops. It is a thrilling tale of battle and intrigue, alongside of which runs the romantic love story of the hero with a fair Persian maiden, who is also unable to escape from her ungenial surroundings. The author has been singularly successful in reproducing the atmosphere of the desert. All through the interest is admirably sustained and the characters are real and lifelike in their intensity.

The Ladies' Field says: "A PERSIAN ROSE-LEAF" by Lieut.-Colonel Andrew Haggard, D.S.O. (John Long.) A thrilling story of the fighting in the Sudan. The hero, Lord Rothiemay, had the appearance of listlessness and languor, but in the hour of danger he proves himself a veritable hero. He gets captured by the forces of the Khalifa, and languishes in prison. There is a silver lining to the cloud, however, for in captivity he wins the heart of a lovely Persian girl. The author, a distinguished soldier himself, knows what real fighting is, and he describes the military operations in a style that is at once eloquent and convincing.

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TO-DAY'S TIMES



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

A VICTORIOUS ATONEMENT.

The International Sunday School Lesson for December 9th, is "Jesus on the Cross," Luke xlii, 33-46; the Golden Text is, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do," Luke xlii, 34.

By William T. Ellis.

The key to Christianity is a cross. Without the event on Mount Calvary the religion of Jesus is inexplicable. Take that chapter out of its history and all the others lose their significance and vitality. The gospel of Christ is the story of a crucifixion. That simple message is the hammer which breaks down all the walls of opposition. Men may merely admire the philosophy of Jesus, but it is his broken heart that breaks their stony hearts.

The most characteristic phase of the life of Jesus is this scene of the crucifixion; which the Sunday schools study next Sunday. It is typical of his whole career. For he was being crucified all through his mission; and into the few terrible days when the gentle, sensitive Son of Mary hung upon the rough beams set up on "the place of a skull" was crowded, for the world to see, the significance of all his thirty-three years.

The Road to Power.

All roads to helpfulness lead over a rocky crest called in the Hebrew, "Golgotha." Sacrifice must precede service. The Scripture truly says that Jesus "must needs have suffered," only so could he have become a Saviour. Sorrow is the one universally comprehended experience—the common lot of mankind. No man enters into the depths of human nature except through his own broken heart. Only he who is lifted up on some cross draws men unto him. As a recent magazine quaintly suggested, called "Credentials" puts it thus:

"I preach the Word. Why then that hiss?"

And why God's message laughed to scorn? Your cheek hath known no Judas kiss. And your brow no crown of thorns. It was only shame that the rabble saw in the dreadful spectacle upon the central one of those three crosses; had their eyes been open they would have beheld sovereignty there. Pilate might well say—though all uncomprehending—"What I have written, I have written." concerning the inscription: "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." For this supreme act of sacrifice and service, this ultimate reaching out of his soul unto death, is the true sceptre of Christ's kingship. And this mark of the Lord Jesus must be upon his church, if she is to prevail over the world. Not a cross on her steeple, but the cross in her spirit, is the sign of a church's serviceableness.

A Tragedy's Saddest Side.

What was the keenest suffering of the Man who hung suspended there in agony until His heart broke? Not His own pain; physical pain cannot crush a great soul. Not the shame of it. He was above the power of men's opinion. Not the ending of His life, though life was sweet to this young man, as to every other. Not defeat, for He knew that He was on the way to a victory great enough to satisfy His all-embracing love.

The pang which fairly rent His heart was that His people whom He had lavishly served, and passionately loved, could do such a deed. Not for Himself, but for the sake of hearts that could make possible so foul an act, and in the name of religion, did He grieve. Therein, then, we see the significance of the cry, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." He is truly Christ-like who grieves less over a wrong done to himself than over the sin of the wrongdoer. Such was the magnanimous spirit of the Crucified. Man's sin was the Redeemer's sorrow.

A Great Man Among Little Men.

Even devils catch the pathos of the plight of Napoleon on the Island of St. Helena, when subjected to the petty indignities and insults and slights of a small gilded official. The littleness and coarseness of his jailer was the worst punishment of the great soldier with a world-conquering spirit. Pilate, the politician, the petty-fogging Pharisee, the pitiless priests, the purblind populace—these were the setting of the tragedy of Calvary. Of such as these the great and sensitive Jesus was made the sport. By the rough and ribald soldiers His delicate flesh was beaten. To the accompaniment of their jeers and coarse laughter and taunts He was driven forth beneath the heavy load of the crossed timbers that faintly crushed Him to earth. Truly, it was the refinement of cruelty; the very ingenuity of the pit. Wherever a fine spirit is the victim of grosser ones there is some understanding of this experience of the Saviour.

When the cross, with its heavy burden nailed upon it, was finally dropped into its socket, with a wrench that must have racked every nerve fiber in the sensitive body, a squad of soldiers kept watch before it. Utterly blind to the significance of the world's supremest tragedy which was being enacted before their eyes, they gambled over the spoils of the victim. They were witnesses of a scene that shook heaven and earth, and that stopped all the world's clocks, destroyed its old calendars, and gave a new birth to time. For these men gambled away with rude jest and laughter and unrestrainedness. So does the ruling passion of a life intrude itself into the most sacred scenes. Who does not



W. T. ELLIS.

know how, even when on his knees in prayer, there intrudes into his mind thoughts that engross him at other times, and that are altogether alien to the spirit of devotion?

Yet, even these Roman soldiers, like Pilate, and the priests, and the Pharisees, and the people, were fulfilling the divine prophecy, God's will will be done by us, or else in spite of us. Jesus was the willing agent of the Father's will; the other participants in the great tragedy were ignorant of that will or unwilling to do it. But the will of God was done, as it must always be done, despite all the machinations of men and devils.

Comrades of the Cross.

Nothing outside of himself can really shame or injure a man. It was no humiliation to Jesus to die with the malefactors on either side of Him. He was above such petty thoughts and aversions. He was given an opportunity to minister, which was the ruling passion of His life. He willingly makes himself a comrade of every man on a cross, or every man bearing a cross. For the sake of being brother to men, He is willing to pay any price; suffering is not too high a price for sympathy. Jesus is history's great Shamer.

And He still covets comradeship. The women at the foot of the cross were a comfort unspeakable to the dying Saviour. Then, as is always the case, it was women who were man's support in His extremity. Paradoxically, God has made the weaker sex to be the stronger's final strength and support. A womanhood's quietest crown came to her that dark day, amid howling, blackness, and rending skies, when the little band of women stood loyally by their crucified Friend.

Jesus still wants comrades of the cross—disciples who know the fellowship of suffering. No sorrow, no sacrifice, no shame can be too great to bring one into a comprehending communion with the crucified Christ. The exceeding great reward of all who suffer in any degree as He suffered is that they come to know Him and to be known of Him. All who are closest to the risen, present Christ, and who irradiate His power, have been with Him on Calvary.

The End of It All.

Few events are final, most are but beads to an end. The cross was not Christ's extinction but His coronation. In itself its endurance would not have been justifiable, the "penitentes" of Mexico, who suffer for suffering's sake, have not entered deeply into the true meaning of the cross. The symbolism of the cross is sacrifice as a means to service. The Lord's ministry to his mother in His last hour was typical, the crucifixion comprehends an all and great service.

Mary saw in that hour what the angel announcer had meant when he declared: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus; because He shall save His people from their sins." It was only that He might atone for the world's sinning that the Just died for the unjust. This terrible tragedy would be as "idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean" without it were a victorious atonement for the sins of men.

Under an Eastern sky, Amid a rabble cry, A man went forth to die For me! Thorn-crowned His blessed head, Blood-stained His weary tread, Cross-laden He was led For me! Pierced were His hapless feet, Three hours o'er Him beat, Fierce rays of noon-tide heat For me!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

A MESSAGE FROM THE CROSS.

The Uniform Prayer Meeting Topic of December 9th is "Christ's Life." Lessons of the "Seven Words From the Cross," John xix, 25-30; Luke xlii, 34-46; Mark xv, 34.

By William T. Ellis.

A thousand good reasons can be given why the awful selfishness of men should cease, but the one reason supreme above all others is that Jesus Christ lived a life of perfect unselfishness, showing us how; and He left to all His disciples an imperative command, re-enforced by the bloody sweat and the upraised cross, to surrender their lives in loving ministry.

It is only worth while in this world, to be like Jesus Christ. The path to the perfection runs through the valley of service. Without a deep, unflinching consecration to a life of sacrifice and ministry it is impossible to grow into Christ's image. Like his Master,

the disciple must be among men as one that serveth.

There is a world of practical philosophy in Christ's teachings about facing one's life to save it. Only as a man spends himself in unselfish toil for others does he gain an insight into the true secret of existence. Not until he is lifted up on a cross of sacrifice can he obtain the broad vision of life, the clear understanding of brotherhood, and the full perception of truth that are the richest rewards. The human soul can know this side of heaven. If you would save your life from smallness, meanness, selfishness and death, then lose it by fearless service.

Christ proved His divinity by His ministry. The disciple of the present time can likewise show to the world by His deeds of devoted helpfulness that he has been born of God.

Unselfishness is the livery of heaven.

The Lord's doctrine of ministry cannot be exhibited in a moment. He who would be like Christ in this respect must give his life to the task. The mission of unselfishness is a life mission.

The greatness that endures, and that continues to be greatness even in the perfect judgment of heaven, is the greatness of helpfulness. "Whoever would become great among you shall be your minister."

Who goeth in the way that Christ hath gone.

Is much more sure to meet with Him than one That travelleth byways.

George Herbert.

What a black, cheerless and hopeless world this would be were it not for the light that streams from the cross! Sin has spread pollution everywhere. The whole world bears the blot of sin. And there is no remedy, no light, in all the philosophies and religions that men have devised. Sin is the stain that no mere ethical teaching can remove. But even sin must be dissipated and disappear before Him who is the Light of the World.

The way of the just is made straight, and the journey of the saints is prepared by sorrow and labor; for this is the way of the Kingdom of Heaven. There is no other way to the Life eternal; the only straight way is that of the Cross.—Thomas a Kempis.

To sacrifice, to share, To give even as He gave, For other's wants to care; Not our own lives to save— The hidden manna, this, Whereof who eateth, he Grows up in perfectness Of Christ-like sympathy.

Lucy Laroche.

If the life which ye have chosen to be your life is really worthy of you it involves self-sacrifice and pain. If your Jerusalem really is your sacred city, there is certainly a cross in it. What then, shall you flinch and draw back? Shall you ask for yourself another life? Oh, no, not another life, but another self. Then calmly look up and go on. Go up to Jerusalem expecting all things that are written you to be fulfilled. Disappointment, mortification, misconception, enmity, pain, death—these may come to you, but if they come to you in doing your duty it is all right. "It is dreadful to suffer except in doing duty. To suffer there is greatness." That is our translation of His words into our own life.—Phillips Brooks.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS

To live is not to breathe; it is to act.—Rousseau.

Every sin journey forward fully equipped with instruments for its own punishment.—Hills.

The Holy-Supper is kept indeed, In which we share with another's need.

—Lowell.

A life of true faith is a life of power.—Spencer.

The surest way to get a larger place is to make our service fill and overflow the place we occupy.—Josiah Strong.

Stand to your work and be strong, Halting not in your way; Stand to your work and be wise, Certain of sword and pain, Ye, who are neither children nor gods, But men in the world of men.—Kipling.

I should infinitely rather feel myself the most miserable wretch on the face of the earth, with a God above, than the highest type of man standing alone.—Tennyson.

NEWS AND NOTES

Dowie's Mexican concession has been forfeited by the government and the colony has disappeared.

A public religious service was conducted in Esperanto, the new universal language, in Geneva, Switzerland, on September 2nd.

More than 125,000 mission study textbooks have been sold and used by students in 400 colleges and universities of every Christian denomination.

A monument in honor of John Huss is to be erected in Prague, Bohemia, a Bohemian reformer who lived more than 400,000 Roman Catholics and but 5,000 Protestants.

Rev. John G. Paton, the veteran missionary to the New Hebrides, is spend-

ing the last years of his life in Victoria, Australia, securing men and money for work in the islands of the South Sea.

The Jews of France, with Rothschild at their head, have joyfully responded to the appeal made by the Separation Law, and have by their pledges assured to their church an annual revenue of a million dollars.

A model Sunday school has been established by Columbia University. The teachers receive compensation for their services and the scholars pay for their tuition. The school enrolls ten teachers and one hundred students.

The Young Men's Christian Association is planning to support an army secretary in the Arctic Circle, whose duty will be to visit the military posts along the Yukon river. His equipment will include a launch, snowshoes and a dog sled.

Out of twenty-four generals of the Jesuit order eleven have been Italians, Jesuit Spanish, two Germans, one a Hollander, one a Swiss and one a Pole. The general is chosen for life, and is absolutely autocratic in all affairs relating to the society.

It is proposed to perpetuate the memory of Francis Makemie, the founder of Presbyterianism in America, by purchasing the land where the pioneer is buried, improve it and place there a small granite monument inscribed with a tribute to his memory. It is also desired to secure funds sufficient to ensure perpetual care to this plot.

The Chinese government has paid to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions the sum of \$2,250 gold, as indemnity for property destroyed in the riot at Lien-chow, where four Presbyterian missionaries were martyred. The viceroys at Canton has further agreed to turn into a school a small Chinese temple situated near the mission premises, and to erect a memorial tablet at the entrance of the cave into which the mob pursued them, stating that it was erected by the Chinese authorities.

The Vestments of the Times

The good behaviour of the twins during fully two hours became oppressive. Five years' experience had taught us that for such exaggerated virtue there exist but two alternative causes—physical indisposition, and that condition of conscience which superinduces on conduct peculiarly reprehensible. Now the twins were not sick; we were therefore constrained to run over the events of the day as known to us with anxious consideration.

The morning had been occupied with a wedding, to which we had taken the children, in view of the fact that three days later they were to be bridesmaids at the marriage of a friend. We had walked (them solemnly up the aisle before service, and expatiated on the necessity of "standing quite still" being the bride during Saturday's ceremony. Then we established ourselves in a pew near the chancel steps, whence the twins might obtain a clear view of the proceedings and exhaust that fund of candid criticism which they were so liberally endowed before the occasion, on which they themselves would figure prominently.

The advent of the choir and the bride's procession alike aroused but languid interest, but the appearance of their father vested in cope and biretta evoked disapproving comment.

"Aughty Daddy, he catch croup, as button up his dressing-gown."

"To-morrow day he'll get nasty medicine."

"Hush," we whispered. "Daddy is dressed underneath, and that is not a dressing-gown."

"What is it, then?"

"A cope."

"What's a cope?"

"A kind of dress he has to wear in church when people are married."

"Why" from one side.

"Did God tell daddy so?" from the other.

To evade further conversation of a controversial character, silence was sternly commanded till after service. With a seductive smile came, however, a final response.

"Only one little whisper: Does God truthfully like a dressing-gown cope unbuttoned in church?"

"Yes."

"So as to show the pretty pinfore underneath?"

With desperate determination to close the ritual subject we again murmured, "Yes."

Ruth leant across me towards her sister with characteristic irrelevance.

"We'll take Daddy his nasty medicine to-morrow day, and then he'll give us his 'take-away-the-taste' sweets."

A severe glance caused some puckering of the small mouth, and a subside-

ence into propriety during several minutes.

Presently, in a clear voice, the bridegroom commenced the plighting of troth, and the righteous indignation of both twins instantly found expression. "Sch, sch!" ejaculated Mary, "mustn't talk in church."

"Daddy'll smack you soon," echoed Ruth, reminiscent of the summary eviction of an ill-behaved boy from the previous Sunday's children service.

Nervousness caused the bridegroom to become incoherent, and the paternal eye succeeded in fixing the small sinners. Mary succumbed at once, but Ruth, with feminine insight, immediately threw a vigorous kiss, with an engagingly tender "De-ar daddy."

Removal from the church, a serious talk on the subject of reverence, and dismissal to two nursery corners to meditate on the same, followed hard on the heels of this misdoing.

The appearance of early dinner provoked protestations of contrition, and from that time the extreme virtue, which towards a clock occasioned us misgivings, had distinguished the manner of the twins. Even while the baby was being put to sleep, in one nursery they had maintained in the other a hush unbroken by a single roar.

After tea we visited the big cupboard wherein the beautiful little white satin bridesmaid's frocks had been safely stored, that morning against the coming festivity. The disarrangement of the covering of tissue paper drew attention to the shelf on which they had been so carefully arranged, and a scene of wreckage immediately revealed itself. The delicate Kate Greenway costumes were ripped up the whole length of the front, from neck to hem!

The twins admitted their connection with this destruction without hesitation. "While Nanny slept, baby, we climbed on the chair and got the church frocks, and the big, big, big frocks, and made cut, cut." Spanking appeared the only possible consequence, but a further argument stayed the hand of justice.

"You toldened us God liked a dressing-gown without no buttons in church for people married; we made our frocks like daddy's, so as God could enjoy seeing our party pin-frocks underneath—they is prettier than Daddy's, 'cos they come down lower." When we've finished getting married you can make buttons."

"And," interpolated Ruth, "we want big buttons, sweetie, xiv, our medicine, 'cos it's God what wants us to have croup this time."

The twins' father would not hear of spanking, because "the working of the child-mind is very mysterious." So it is very exasperating, too, sometimes. Their father does not make the frocks; moreover, Ruth's eyes twinkled wickedly.

MOON HOTTER THAN EARTH.

Information of a valuable character concerning the thickness of the earth's crust and the intensity of the heat of the globe's internal fires has been obtained as the result of a series of investigations continued over a prolonged period by the Hon. R. J. Strutt, F.R.S., the well-known British scientist, and son of Lord Rayleigh, says the Scientific American. By testing rocks of many kinds from all over the world, Mr. Strutt has been able to determine the percentage of radium present in the earth's crust. He has ascertained that the presence of radium, whether it exists in minute or large quantities, can be easily detected in all rocks of igneous origin, but the percentage is highest in granitic formations, while the basaltic rocks contain the minimum proportions of the element. He has also provisionally calculated the total quantity of radium present in each mile of depth of the globe's crust, from its uniform distribution, and estimates on this basis that not more than one-thirtieth of the total volume of the earth is composed of rocks which are to be found on the surface. As a result of his mathematical deductions, he estimates that the depth of the earth's rock crust is approximately forty-five miles.

This deduction coincides to a certain degree with the calculations of Prof. Milne, the well-known seismologist, who has been engaged in investigations to the same end by the observation of the speeds of earthquake tremors. Prof. Milne concludes that at a depth of thirty miles below the earth's surface exist rocks whose physical properties are similar to those to be found on the exterior. Furthermore, as a result of his researches, Mr. Strutt is in agreement with the assumption advanced by several astronomers, more especially Mr. Pickering, that the moon is not a "dead" sphere, but that it continues to possess volcanic energy. And, moreover, he makes the startling statement that he is of opinion that the internal heat of that body, is far in excess of that obtaining within the interior of our own globe.

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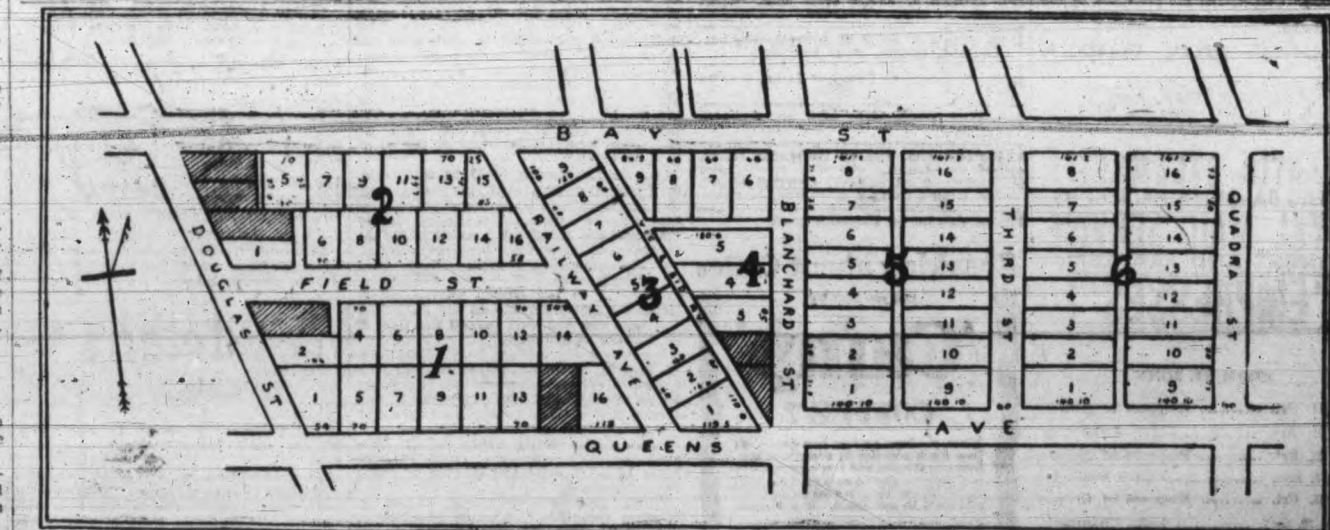
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OUR LONDON LETTER

London, Nov. 15.—Although the usual November fog somewhat prevented the King and Queen of Norway from seeing the hearty expressions of welcome on the faces of the large crowd that had gathered to see their Majesties when they formally visited the city, they must have gathered pretty well from the enthusiasm displayed that their first visit to London since their accession to the throne of Norway was an event which the people heralded with every sign of welcome. The streets were gay with decorations and a stranger entering our gates might be somewhat mystified by seeing mottoes in all directions in the language of the land of the Vikings. Their Majesties were entertained at the Guildhall by the Lord Mayor at a state luncheon with all the usual splendor and ceremony which the visit of a reigning sovereign to the city entails.

Sons of the Sea.
It is very interesting to learn that the two oldest sons of the Prince of Wales are to follow in their father's footsteps and enter the navy. The two young princes are to be sent to the Royal Naval College, Osborne in June next. This college is situated on a large estate, portions of which were Queen Victoria's summer home, in the Isle of Wight, where the cadets enjoy a healthy, open-air existence in the pleasant, mild climate of the charming Isle. The system of training at Osborne College is extremely practical, and differs widely from the ordinary school. The cadets have the opportunity of putting their theoretical education to practical test, and have work-shops and sea training as well as ordinary school studies. A cruiser is moored near at hand, ready to go to sea when directed with training classes. The arrival of the two young princes at Osborne will arouse much interest in their companions at the college, especially as very little distinction will be made, and they will have to go through the mill the same as the other boys. When the present Prince of Wales was a cadet in 1877, he was the subject of much curiosity on the part of his shipmates, who continually pined him with questions as to whether he liked being a Prince, if he ever got tired at home, etc., etc.

German Friendliness.
Since the visit of the German burgomasters to London and more recently the German officers, there has been a growing feeling in England that the Germans are so hostile to this country as the German press would have us believe. The speech of Prince Bulow, the Imperial chancellor, at the Reichstag this week, in which he outlined Germany's foreign policy, certainly confirms this belief. The keynote of his speech was that cordial relations should exist between the powers. His references to Great Britain were entirely satisfactory, and he completely repudiated the idea that it was Germany's intention to build a navy as strong as England's, and emphasized the fact that there were no profound political differences between the two countries. Although the Imperial chancellor's declarations are regarded

here with the utmost satisfaction, for England is just as anxious to maintain peaceable relations all round as any other nation.

The Cotton Industry.
If anything were needed to give an added fillip to the efforts of the International Cotton Growing Congress, which is at present holding meetings in London, it should be afforded by the kindly and courteous reception given by the King to the delegates who presented themselves at Windsor Castle this week. They represented all the important European cities, and His Majesty spoke to each of them in his own language, expressing his entire approval of their efforts to promote the welfare of the world's cotton industry. It will be remembered by those interested that the federation which has so justly received this mark of royal favor, came into operation nearly three years ago, owing to the shortness of the supply of cotton and the attempts of speculators to take advantage of this and "corner" the market. This international organization and the British Cotton Growing Association have done wonders in that short time. In the meantime new cotton areas are being extended which will yield in time sufficient raw material to supply the whole of Europe.

Countess Castellaine's Divorce.
The sensational divorce case which has been the talk of Paris for days, has ended, and Miss Anna Gould was granted her petition, and is no longer the Countess de Castellaine. The gay Count is left, so reports say, without a home without money and without a wife. He is in the strange position of being father to three pretty boys who will inherit millions. The abrupt ending of the case was unexpected, and when her lawyer drove up to the mansion where the Countess resided and informed her of the result, "I am delighted," she said, and repeated it several times. Evidently her relief at getting rid of the Count was very great, although he believed that she would change her mind before the last moment. It is not her intention to leave Paris. She is too fond of the French capital, notwithstanding her unfortunate experiences, and it is said that she has no intention of ever settling in America.

Fresh Fruit For London.
Each winter marks a greater change in the variety of the supply of fruit to the London market, and Londoners are to have the experience of the colonies for this welcome alteration. At one time only the well-to-do could indulge in fruit in winter time. Then came the great farming trade, which enabled the middle and working classes to buy different kinds of fruit all the year round, and did not compel them to depend on home markets. Canned fruit, however, which was given place to preserved fruit, which is now the canned varieties in the same way that frozen meat did tinny goods. The London fruiterers' windows would amaze our grandmothers could they get a glimpse of the gorgeously colored fruits displayed, received weekly

from distant climes. The clerk in the city can now have for desert fruits and nuts which his brother thousands of miles away in a tropical quarter of the globe is enjoying. It is a wonderful industry, and is yearly becoming more extensive as exportation and importation become easier.

The New Army Depot.
In a few weeks the army headquarters will have moved from its cramped quarters in the jumble of old houses it has so long occupied in Pall Mall, and will be installed in its new palace in Whitehall. It would, perhaps, be well in the "moving in" process if the army headquarters left behind some of its must records and in its new home took up the practice of dictating things on their merit in accordance with modern ideas. Whatever may be the methods of the officials in their new quarters it is certain they will occupy the finest government buildings in this or any other city. The new war office is a huge palace in Portland Stone, designed to harmonize with one of Inigo Jones's masterpieces, the famous banqueting hall of the ancient Royal Palace of Whitehall, which stands along side. The principal internal feature of the new buildings is the grand staircase with its magnificent gallery and dome. The greater part of the first floor is given up to principal officers, such as the secretary of war, the permanent under secretary, the adjutant general and the quartermaster general departments. Altogether the building affords accommodation for 2,300 clerks and officials, and it has a kitchen capable of cooking for a thousand persons daily.

The Vogue.
Crepes-de-chine has proved itself so useful a material and withal such an exceedingly charming one that we are both to part with it, and every season sees it advancing in favor still more. For party dresses or semi-evening frocks its delicate coloring makes it an ideal material; therefore, a graceful gown in peach pink, appealed to me directly. It had a full skirt just touching the ground, falling from a waistband of silver tinsel, the bodice embroidered in silver rose buds. Another gown of this fabric was of very pale blue, with a flowing skirt. With the full bodice was worn a bolero of dull gold tissue. Should women ride astride on horseback is a question which is agitating the press just now, and one on which there are varied opinions, most of them negative, it must be admitted. It has surprised most people to find that already a number of women do ride astride, even in Hotten flout, and the custom is growing among horsewomen. Numbers of ladies of title are adopting it, among them the Duchess of Westminster, Lady Castlereagh and several others, and one day this week a lady was seen in one of the parks riding astride in a three-cornered hat, skirt, coat, top-boots and breeches, dominating that there was such an outcry against the donning of rational dress in this country, the divided skirt on horseback can hardly become very popular.

ceased to fly. Instead, the Americans gave themselves up to the problems of sanitation, food supply, and providing for the housing, comfort, and recreation of the employees. These they have tackled with admirable vigor and thoroughness; and the work of preparing to begin is now practically completed.

The Great Fight.
But what sort of a canal is it going to be—a sea level canal, with only a tide-lock at Panama, or a high-level canal, thirty, sixty, or ninety feet above tide-water, with its necessary locks, dams, aqueducts, reservoirs, spillways, and so on? This also has been settled. Some six weeks ago congress finally decided in favor of a lock canal. There are some twelve thousand pages of evidence on both sides of the question available for those who wish to get at the bottom of it. It represents, I suppose, the greatest conflict of engineering opinion of modern times, but I suspect it of having been decided on other than strictly engineering grounds. The best professional opinion of Europe favors now, as it favored in De Lesseps' time, a sea-level waterway; that of America has always been inclined to a canal with lock locks. In coming to its decision congress was doubtless influenced by the unanimity among American engineers, but it was influenced still more by the belief that a canal with locks would cost £20,000,000 less than a sea-level canal, and could be built, roughly speaking, in half the time.

A lock canal, therefore, some 45 feet deep and 200 feet wide, with locks 900 feet long and 30 feet wide, will in the course of time link the Atlantic and Pacific. But who is to do the actual work of building it? The Americans have experimented with all sorts of labor. They tried Italians, and found that they had not vitality enough to stand the work. The natives on the Isthmus have neither the physique nor the temperament for hard manual labor, and prefer living on the American side to entering their service. From Jamaica, Porto Rico, Curacao, Trinidad, and the Barbadoes the Americans have drawn a fairly good supply of negro laborers, but the supply is limited, and the American foremen have not perhaps got as much out of it as they might have done. Their own negroes from the Southern States seem to have proved failures, suffering severely from smallpox, home sickness, and malaria. The native people of Mexico and Central and South America, who are believed by some to furnish the best material have not yet been employed to any large extent. In the construction of his 350 miles of rail-

road in Cuba Sir William Van Horne used laborers from the north of Spain, with signal success. The Americans imported a thousand men, from the same district, but the venture, while fairly successful, has not solved the problem.

A Momentous Decision.
Under these circumstances, the Panama canal commission have taken a decision that is none the less bold and momentous for having long been prophesied as inevitable. They have decided, with the approval of the president and the secretary of war, to import 2,500 Chinese coolies to test their efficiency. This rather looks as though the American government were breaking some of its own laws. Chinese coolies are forbidden to enter American territory. The Panama canal zone is American territory, and subject to all the laws that have been passed by congress for the benefit of American labor at home—the eight hour law, for instance, the contract labor law, and the Chinese exclusion act. The commission have long tried to exempt the construction of the canal from the application of these and similar laws, but without success. They have, therefore, apparently made up their minds to disregard them.

This is all the more remarkable since the chairman of the commission a few months ago, in discussing this very question, said: "The government must protect itself against the charge of forcing involuntary servitude, and hence it can adopt no safeguards which will prevent the labor from leaving the isthmus the day after arrival thus losing the money necessary to get it there, with no return whatever. The result of this is practically to make Oriental labor prohibitive in the construction of the canal." On these terms it undoubtedly is prohibitive; but those are not presumably the terms on which the experiment will be tried. The Chinese will dig the ditch, if at all, under pretty much the same conditions as they are working the Transvaal mines. The decision of the administration has been fiercely challenged by American labor; but on economic rather than moral grounds; and as labor is beginning to play a more and more decisive part in American politics, the experiment may cost the Republicans some votes at the approaching congressional elections. But I expect to see it succeed. The Panama canal will be a lock canal; its construction will be done in sections, and by contract; and it will be built in the main by indentured Chinese labor.

A Regimental Court Martial.

Scene I.—The court-martial room, which has a suspiciously unbusiness-like air about it. Pens, ink, blotting paper, foolscap, and members all look unused. A private colloquy is in progress previous to the opening of the court.

Captain Hunter (adjutant and prosecutor, as he looks at watch). Can't we get on? It's past ten o'clock.
Captain Byrne (the president, and a junior captain). Ah! Here comes Preston back at last! Fancy his coming to a court-martial in those boots! No wonder civilians sneer at the procedure of courts-martial if officers serving on their turn up dressed like that!

Adjutant. And he's been in the service eight years!
(He looks up King's Regulations and Army Act to see if the presence of Preston's original boots in the court-martial room would have invalidated the proceedings. Meanwhile, prisoner, escort, and witnesses have been waiting outside in the rain for half an hour. Preston now enters, and the president having satisfied himself of the regularity of the amended boots, the members of the court seat themselves.)

Adjutant (to president). By the way, Byrne, the "Colonel" wants this man "hotting."
(The adjutant is senior to the president, and does not let him forget it.)
President (meekly). Ah, yes. Quite so.

Adjutant (authoritatively). Of course, it's not for me to suggest, but I'm sure the Colonel would not regard the full penalty of forty-two days' imprisonment as excessive. There's been too much of this oversteering furlough lately, and we want an example made. Bostock, a very young subaltern, sitting on his first court-martial. Don't we first find out, sir, if he's guilty or not?

(All look severely at Bostock, and then relax into a plying smile.)
President (gravely). You've yet to learn, Mr. Bostock, that the Colonel doesn't send a man to court-martial unless he is guilty.

Question from printed form in front of court-martial proceedings in front of him. Oh, I see! We don't use the first three pages. We start from the finding of "Guilty."

President (observing the adjutant's scowl). Be good enough, Mr. Bostock, to hold your tongue. You'll be told what to say later.

(The court is opened, and the prisoner, Private Atkins, is brought in. President (reading to prisoner a question from printed form in front of him). Do you object to be tried by me, or by either of the officers whose names you have heard read over?

Private Atkins (quietly). Yes, sir, I object to Lieutenant Preston.

President (perplexed, and speaking very slowly in the hope of light dawning). Oh—er—you—object—to—Lieutenant Atkins (stolidly). Yes, sir.

President (brightening). Clear the court. (The court is cleared, and the officers light cigarettes to help them wrestle with unforeseen difficulty.) I say, Hunter, what the devil does one do when the prisoner objects? I never contracted to be a blooming lawyer. (All consult red book diligently.)

Bostock (suddenly). I've got it, sir! Page 342, para. 126 (b). We ask him why he objects.

President. Good boy! Regulations rather sensible for once. Reopen the court please, Hunter.
(The court is reopened, and the prisoner is again brought before it.)
President (to prisoner). Why do you object to Lieutenant Preston?

Prisoner. Because I'm his soldier-servant.
(Atkins explains with force and fluency that, however anxious Mr. Preston may be to do him justice, he cannot fail to be influenced by an intimate knowledge of his—the prisoner's—shortcomings. Yet such ought not to be regarded as evidence against him. The court, much perturbed, think it wiser to allow the objection, and another officer having taken Lieutenant Preston's place, the trial proceeds. (Nine hours elapse.)

Scene II.—Lieut. Preston's quarters. Atkins is laying out mess uniform on bed. Enter Lieut. Preston in cords, top-boots, spurs, etc. He is muddy and tired. He starts on seeing Atkins.

Lieut. Preston. Good Lord, Atkins! You here? You don't mean to say that you got up?

Atkins (placidity). Yes, sir.
Lieut. Preston. What was the verdict?

Atkins. Not guilty and recommended to mercy.

Lieut. Preston. No man; it couldn't have been that.
Atkins (scratching his head). Something of that sort, as it was read out to me, sir.

Lieut. Preston. How on earth did you manage it?

Atkins. I just "anded up the paper and give me the extra furlough. Lieut. Preston (surprised). What paper?

Atkins. That paper, sir, wot you inflated and Captain Byrne backed, and the adjutant signed.

Lieut. Preston (gratified). Of course, we can't always remember what we sign—

Atkins (generously). That's what I said to the court, sir. I says to them—says I to 'em, "O' course, officers never do know what they signs and—"

Lieut. Preston (hastily). Yes, yes, but why didn't you tell the Colonel in the first place?

Atkins. Well, sir, I was a-tryin' to. The Colonel 'e says, "Wot 'ave yer got ter say?" and I was a-beginnin' ter tell 'im, when he shouts at me, sharp-like, "Don't let me 'ave no lyin' 'e tugs me by the coat to 'old my tongue. So I 'olds it; and I goes to court-martial. And, when I gets outside the orderly room, the corporal of the escort 'e says to me, "You've done right not to get a-answerin' the Colonel back when he's like that. 'E only lets the prisoners wot comes after you 'ave it all the 'otter if you do." And—

Lieut. Preston (quickly). Yes; never mind that. But, look here. What made you object to me this morning?

You ought to have known that I should do my best to get you off, whatever you'd done. Why, I've told you times out of number that I've never had a man who could clean "tops" like you. Why on earth did you do it?

Atkins. Well, sir, I knowed I'd get off, and I knowed that you wanted to yer to let yer go, sir.

(Preston gives him a sovereign, and decides to modify his views on the stupidity of the British private.)

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Panama Canal Problems.

Another Chinese Labor Question.

(By Sydney Brooks in London Daily Mail.)

The Americans are a great people, but a hasty one. They are always inclined to go a little too far and a little too hurriedly. It is a temptation natural enough in a people of their history, temperament, and physical conditions. Everything seems possible in the buoyant American atmosphere, and the American instinct, when confronted by a problem, is to apply at once the energetic and annihilating solution. They hate dawdling and indecision; they love heroic remedies; and they are most unwilling to make allowance for the complexity of human affairs and for the carrying and contradictory factors that enter into all questions and all undertakings of the first magnitude.

The Panama canal project illustrates this little failing with some precision. Its management from the start has been hampered by the American impatience of obstacles and by the American anxiety to "get results" and reach the millennium in a hurry. The Americans set about the task with a light and ebullient heart. They were going to show the world what American enterprise and American "hustle" could accomplish. The difficulties that overwhelmed De Lesseps would vanish before American practicality, or be solved in a few months by American ingenuity. They would not even magnify the undertaking by speaking of it as the construction of a canal. That was altogether too grandiloquent. It was simply a case of digging a ditch. The way to dig a ditch was clearly to dig it. Men and machinery were accordingly poured into the Isthmus, and the world was loudly called upon to watch closely while the American government in its own cheery words, started in "to make the dirt fly."

Discontent Rampant.

That was two years ago. To superintend the flying dirt a complicated and unwieldy executive organization was devised. There was the engineer-in-chief, the governor of the canal zone, the canal commission hovering between the Isthmus and Washington, and the secretary of state for war, to whose department the entire undertaking had been assigned. These various officials, with ill-defined and conflicting powers, have to manage themselves with the freedom and publicity characteristic of American officialdom. In addition, discontent was rampant among the American overseers and superintendents, there was an almost complete failure to provide not merely recreations and diversions, but even adequate food; and for a time it looked as though the deplorable sanitary conditions would result in a rate of sickness and mortality as high as under the abandoned French venture.

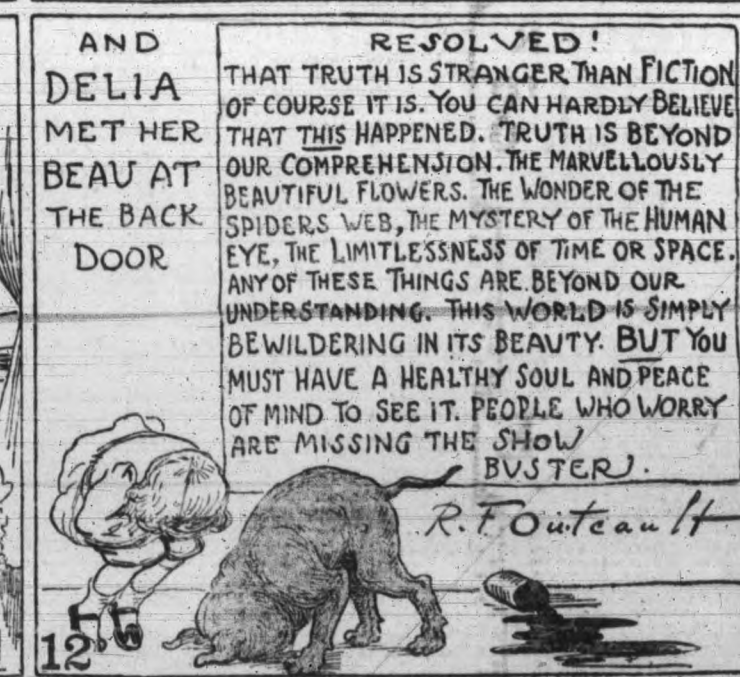
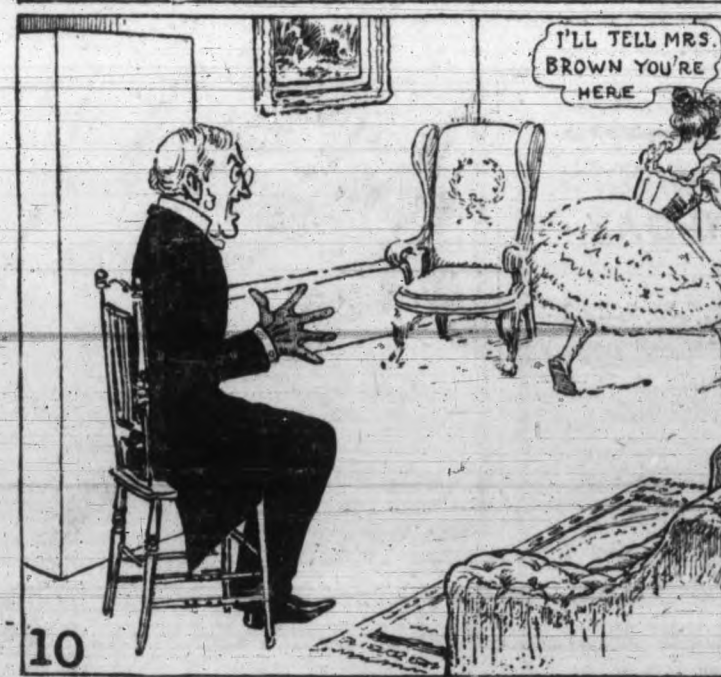
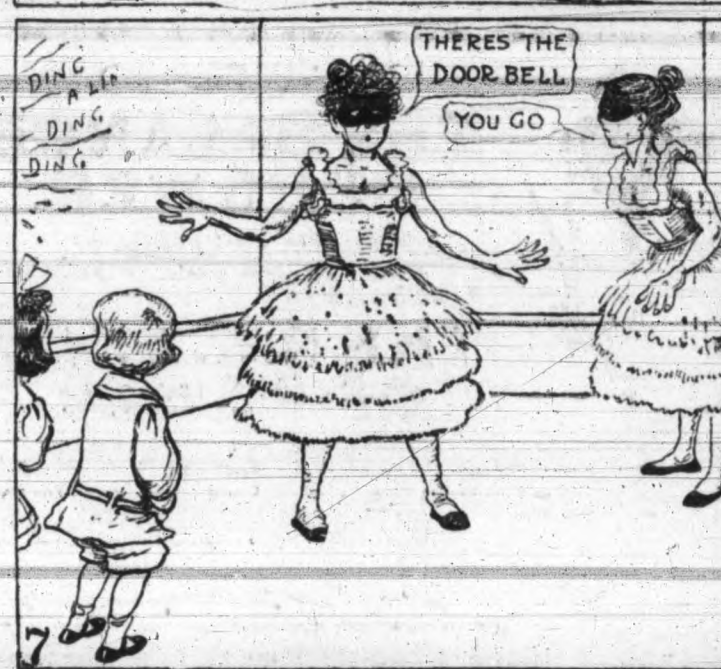
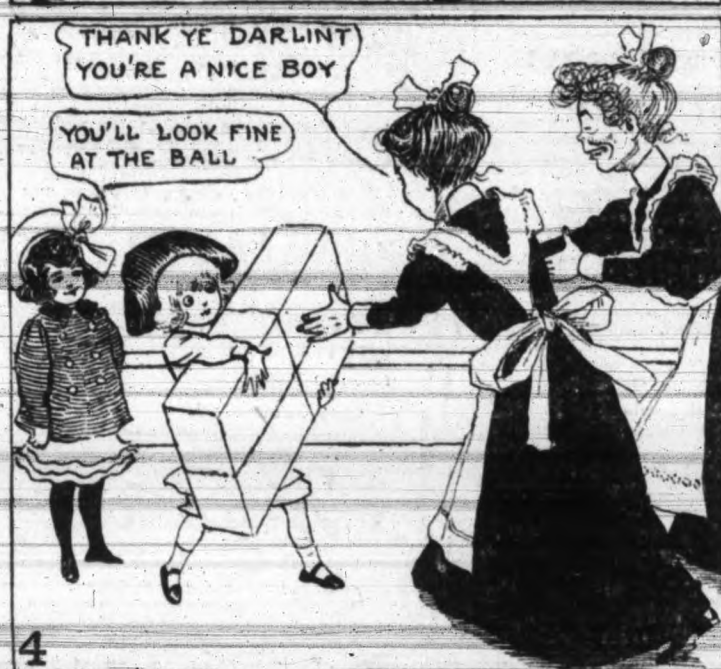
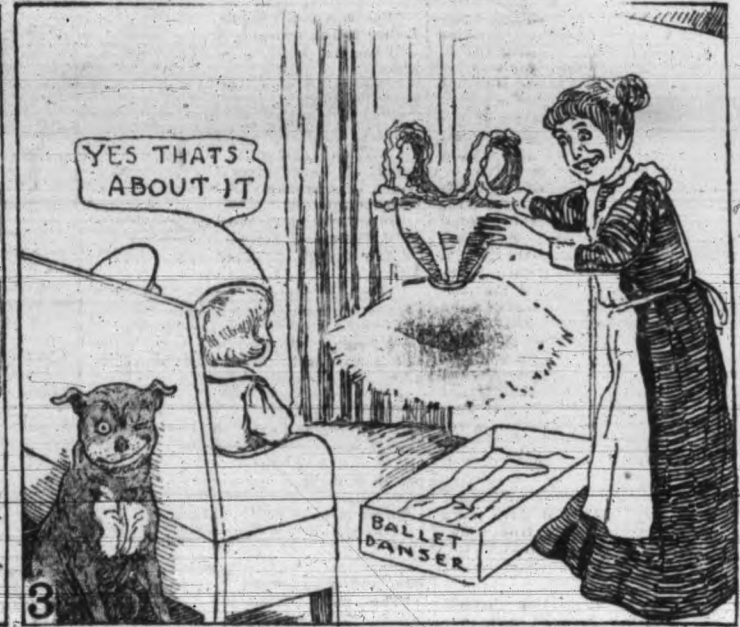
All these conditions were referable to a single cause. The Americans began to build the canal before making the surroundings healthy or even habitable. In their haste to get to work with spade and shovel, they forgot all about malaria and yellow fever, malarial mosquitoes, and they spent fifteen months and many valuable lives in learning that these were details which could not be forgotten with impunity. But the lesson once learned was applied at once. That is the strong point about Americans. They will blunder badly and even ludicrously through over eagerness and their fatal passion for the short cut. But just before it is too late they will recognize and acknowledge their mistakes and begin again from the beginning with sober practicality. It was so in this case. Constructional work on the canal was virtually stopped and the dirt

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The survey steamer Egeria is in dry dock. She was placed on the blocks last Monday for a cleaning and painting, and while this is in progress the crew are living ashore in quarters provided for such purposes in the naval yard. They expect to return to the ship next week.

The Times has been requested to state that owing to the absence of the corresponding secretary individual invitations had not been sent to the clergy of the city to attend the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women on Monday and Tuesday of next week. It is hoped that as many of the ministers as can will be present during the sessions of the ladies.

H. M. S. Shearwater left this morning on a ten day cruise, which will take her to Comox and other points along the eastern coast of the Island. So far no clue has been obtained in the robbery which occurred in the early part of the week when the paymaster's strong box was relieved of a large sum of money.

Passengers from the East, who should have reached Victoria on Thursday night, arrived on the Charron last evening, having been delayed by storms on the overland journey. They did not reach Vancouver until 10 o'clock on Thursday night, and had to remain over in the Terminal City. The next passenger train leaving Winnipeg for the West was reported to be stuck in a snow blockade this side of Calgary. This train was expected to reach the coast this morning, and the mail of the previous day should therefore arrive on the Charron this evening.

Mrs. Dumanut gave a luncheon party yesterday afternoon at Government House, the following ladies receiving invitations: Lady Crease, Miss Crease, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. C. Rhodes, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Keefe, Mrs. Locke Robertson, Mrs. Clapham, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. P. W. Bell, Mrs. Eberts, the Misses Dupont, the Misses Galletley and the Misses Harvey.

All arrangements are now complete for the sale of work and afternoon tea to be held by the Cathedral Branch Junior W. A. at the schoolroom, Wednesday, December 13th. Among the attractions will be a large bran pie for the little ones, home-made candy,

plants grown by the members, and a large stall filled with prettily dressed dolls, pieces of fancy needlework, raffia work, etc., all of which it is hoped will meet with ready sale. The school boys have generously contributed towards the bran pie, and have undertaken the decoration of the schoolroom. Canon Beaudais will open the sale at 2.15 p.m., and during the afternoon tea will be served, admission being free. At 8 p.m. there will be a conversation and a grand magic lantern exhibition, to which a small admission fee will be charged.

All members of the different committees engaged in the collection of funds for the anti-tuberculosis sanatorium are requested to meet in the board of trade rooms at 8.30 o'clock on Monday evening. The business of the meeting will be confined principally to a discussion of the methods adopted for collecting and to receive requests. A special appeal is made to the different labor unions and fraternal organizations to send representatives, and it is also hoped that all who are interested in this work will be in attendance.

Particulars concerning the death of D. W. Corbin at St. Catherine's, Ont., have been received by the arrival of a message from that city. He died at the home of Nelson Haight on Tuesday, November 27th. He had retired on the evening of his arrival in the city, showing no signs of being ill. He was found dead in his bed the next morning, death being due to heart failure. Mr. Corbin was accompanied by his niece, Miss Hains. They were on their way to New York, where a son of Mr. Corbin lived. After a short visit there it was the intention to proceed to the old land. The deceased was 74 years of age.

One of the finest and most up-to-date displays of fancy furniture is to be seen in the show rooms of Smith & Champion, Douglas street. This comprises some very elaborate Turkish chairs, upholstered in leather, hollock-stitch chairs, frame of the early English style and upholstered in Spanish leather. These goods range in price from \$10 to \$52. Among others showing up very prominently is a well selected stock of 3-piece parlor sets in mahogany and quarter cut oak, and occasional tables in the same wood. Upholstered in tapestry, velvet and Spanish leather is to be seen the favorite of the home, the Morris chair. Your attention is drawn to their ad. in this issue. Note the prices and big drawing. Remember the address when in town—100-102 Douglas street.

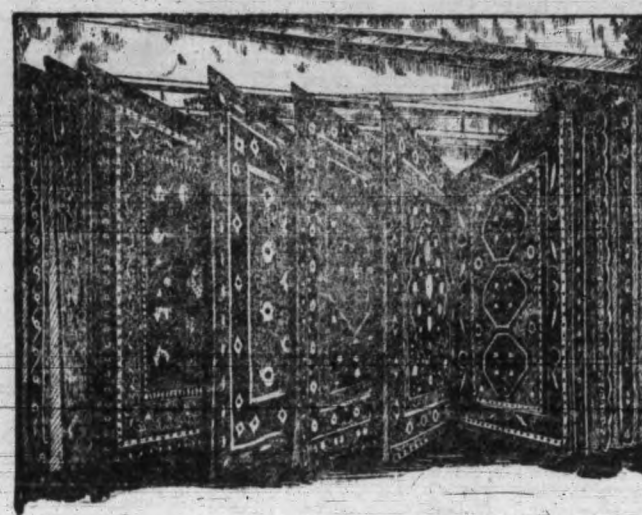
The colony of people from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, who have taken up their residence in this city, is expanding so rapidly that some of its members are agitating for the formation of a distinctive association, the members of which would be confined to those who come from "the far-flung fenceless prairie." It is suggested that it be called the Northwestern club, and it is possible that if it takes form that it may be as a section for a "quarter section" to adapt the language of the rancher of the Canadian club. Quite a number of the new comers are gentlemen who have no business affiliations in the city, and hence are not brought in contact with the people of Victoria in the same extent as would otherwise be the case. The proposed club would provide a rendezvous for this class, and would also form a rallying point for newcomers from the Territories and Manitoba.



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